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### PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1986-87—																
January	34.3	10,261	11,040	36,703	45,533	542	541	347	506	6.5	20.1	89	186	February 7	12,812	
February	34.1	9,971	11,118	36,042	42,694	473	532	482	493	25.8	27.4	177	180	March 7	15,386	
March	24,525	43.3	10,802	11,006	40,745	43,250	531	519	504	489	25.3	23.4	199	194	April 4	16,368
April		34.4	10,407	11,077	41,619	44,933	462	501	487	499	24.2	27.2	158	182	May 2	12,930
May		37.7	11,455	11,083	46,777	43,432	479	470	496	474	29.3	26.9	173	200	May 30	15,548
June		37.2	11,842	11,001	48,908	43,015	533	506	468	463	25.3	23.8	198	207	June 27	15,783
1987-88—																
July	46.3	12,566	10,749	56,709	46,033	552	512	500	466	31.1	25.3	193	170	July 25	14,470	
August	47.2	12,075	11,081	52,306	46,105	547	532	479	464	28.4	25.0	187	176	August 22	14,263	
September	26,670	40.4	11,228	11,183	49,379	45,606	562	557	502	479	29.4	26.1	209	172	September 19	10,673
October	49.4	11,346	11,477	45,474	44,642	524	519	551	502	29.8	26.8	225	185	October 17	15,442	
November	40.6	10,868	11,550	39,857	42,894	474	495	517	499	29.8	27.5	201	175	November 14	15,513	
December	24,600	30.6	11,021	11,685	37,937	43,916	445	445	522	538	26.1	28.7	r190	r187	December 12	15,206
January	29.7	r11,510	r12,420	r35,543	r43,906	r406	r411	357	532	7.0	22.6	78	163	January 9	4,197	
February	n.y.a.	r11,497	12,377	36,907	42,399	475	510	501	496	26.2	26.9	184	187	February 6	12,938	
March	n.y.a.	11,433	11,529	42,488	44,851	584	575	534	507	31.4	27.5	197	180	March 5	n.y.a.	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

### PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blankets) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m	Price index manufacturing division(s) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factory(b) mil. litres	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool	Total % of total receipts received by tonnes brokers(c)	Stocks(d)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.					
1986-87—													
January	849	2,717	531	871	3,647	11,466	460.8	179	202	619	527	42,628	67.4
February	3,374	1,523	871	790	17,098	16,738	463.9	192	r200	473	535	47,337	74.2
March	3,270	3,020	984	889	15,366	14,047	466.0	r207	r198	442	564	54,511	76.9
April	3,866	4,130	1,069	1,069	14,368	15,150	468.4	204	202	367	570	45,176	77.5
May	3,695	3,025	923	911	15,356	14,747	469.8	202	205	328	564	40,899	74.7
June	3,341	3,013	915	978	16,334	14,239	471.7	191	196	303	550	34,034	79.6
1987-88—													
July	4,419	3,635	921	863	15,826	13,788	474.1	209	194	349	505	61,117	r81.6
August	3,739	3,344	913	973	16,509	15,457	478.3	186	198	486	491	97,670	81.9
September	3,628	3,264	1,107	1,054	14,659	13,414	480.8	203	189	649	497	127,858	80.4
October	4,061	3,588	1,008	884	14,491	12,448	483.0	234	222	797	511	122,359	78.0
November	3,387	3,467	966	846	14,312	13,392	486.8	214	216	752	507	r104,412	r77.7
December	2,582	3,404	775	946	r13,061	r15,499	489.6	198	209	696	517	r59,735	r77.0
January	r781	r2,611	r484	r752	r3,677	r11,890	r494.3	r181	211	604	513	r37,755	r80.7
February	r3,324	r3,376	r994	r900	r15,279	r14,403	n.s.a.	213	218	471	532	58,505	79.3
March	3,465	3,024	1,046	855	15,655	13,883	n.s.a.	236	209	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

### FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m				Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		
	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	Official reserve assets (b) \$m
<i>1986-87—</i>									
January	2,832	3,099			244		-565	-1,379	13,846
February	2,878	3,018			243		-125	-844	12,604
March	3,029	3,058	6,449	5,233	242	161.1	-210	-919	13,866
April	2,918	2,897			240		-343	-1,167	16,867
May	3,151	2,907			243		-157	-917	16,787
June	3,372	3,270	6,538	5,251	243	158.3	-147	-841	17,594
<i>1987-88—</i>									
July	2,931	3,481			245		-853	-1,395	18,512
August	3,159	2,968			247		-201	-766	19,315
September	3,082	3,396	6,429	5,307	252	p158.2	-768	-1,362	19,557
October	3,307	3,300			253		-430	-1,273	19,858
November	3,355	3,517			258		-315	-845	17,607
December	3,843	3,603	6,818	5,798	264	n.y.a.	2	-719	17,430
January	3,473	n.y.a.			268		347	-467	17,169
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	272		42	-802	16,869
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	276		-362	-1,185	17,302

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

### INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (a) \$m									
	Total					New motor cars and station wagons registered '000				
	Current prices		Average 1979-80 prices			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		
Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.
<i>1986-87—</i>										
January	4,586	4,732	4,725		1,528	1,510	473	540	27.6	32.1
February	4,214	4,758	4,744		1,427	1,524	391	540	28.2	30.8
March	4,515	4,751	4,768	7,781	8,287	1,501	1,535	463	541	32.0
April	4,651	4,855	4,800		1,530	1,541	519	545	26.2	28.3
May	4,788	4,741	4,840		1,525	1,543	552	549	29.3	28.6
June	4,583	4,861	4,886	8,134	8,363	1,474	1,543	520	554	32.6
<i>1987-88—</i>										
July	4,912	5,029	4,934		1,544	1,544	557	557	32.6	30.0
August	4,676	4,970	4,978		1,514	1,549	463	559	29.1	29.1
September	4,833	5,009	5,012	8,246	8,563	1,515	1,557	520	p561	34.0
October	5,123	5,025	5,037		1,611	1,567	545	564	31.8	31.9
November	5,088	5,048	5,053		1,561	1,577	576	567	29.0	30.7
December	7,008	5,092	5,069	9,698	8,552	1,874	1,584	1,133	p571	35.6
January	4,800	5,076	5,082		1,549	1,589	485	p575	24.9	30.2
February	4,656	5,095	5,098	n.y.a.	1,529	1,592	421	578	28.8	30.3
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p35.0	p30.4

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

### WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)		Index of minimum award rates of pay; full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)										
							All groups		Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care		
	All males	All females	All males	All females											Recreation and education(a)		
1986-87 — December					221.9		161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1		
January	445.30	291.10	429.90		222.0												
February					222.0	1.19											
March					223.9		164.7	157.7	153.1	166.2	162.1	176.8	185.2	158.7	143.8		
April					228.9												
May	451.70	299.00	436.50		228.9	1.23											
June					229.0		167.2	157.9	157.8	169.4	165.6	178.4	189.7	162.0	146.0		
1987-88 — July					229.0												
August	458.10	302.30	444.50		229.2	1.22											
September					229.4		170.0	160.2	159.1	172.3	168.8	181.9	192.6	163.7	148.7		
October					229.7												
November	471.10	306.60	450.50		230.4	1.46											
December					n.y.a.		172.9	162.2	163.8	174.4	171.4	186.7	195.9	168.4	149.5		
January					n.y.a.												
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	1.34											

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

### BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Price indexes(a)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87 — January	1,124.5	1,446.8	7.8	9.9	230.0					105.8	180.7				
February	1,154.0	1,351.7	9.2	10.0	193.7					106.4	182.1				
March	1,512.6	1,418.6	10.3	9.8	274.7	4,085.4	4,425.8	27.0	29.1	107.1	183.6	1,537	1,792	3,076	3,559
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.2	9.5	240.7					107.9	184.8				
May	1,429.5	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					108.0	185.2				
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	4,433.4	4,365.3	27.8	27.8	108.4	186.9	1,781	1,785	3,892	3,590
1987-88 — July															
August	1,603.6	1,557.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					108.9	187.7				
September	1,847.7	1,770.0	10.5	10.4	181.2					109.8	188.9				
October	1,615.2	1,613.6	11.6	11.0	252.6	4,844.3	4,596.8	31.0	29.4	110.2	189.8	1,951	1,951	3,457	3,500
November	1,778.7	1,786.7	12.1	11.5	224.0					p110.8	p197.7				
December	1,652.6	1,652.6	12.6	12.2	167.9					p110.0	p194.3				
January	1,698.3	1,686.6	11.8	11.9	234.0	5,026.3	4,980.8	33.4	32.6	p112.9	p196.2	2,146	2,049	4,069	3,860
February	1,642.0	1,971.7	10.2	13.7	170.3					p113.8	p198.5				
March	1,919.4	2,139.6	12.8	13.4	256.3					n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Weighted averages six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

### FOREIGN TRADE

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October	3,307	3,300					253		-430	-1,273	19,538
November	3,555	3,517					258		-315	-635	17,077
December	3,883	3,603	6,818		5,798		264		n.y.a.	-219	17,320
January	3,473	n.y.a.					p268		347	-467	17,169
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.		p272		-42	-802	16,869
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.		n.y.a.		-362	-1,185	17,302

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February	4,214	4,758	4,744			1,427	1,524	391	540	28.2	30.8	6.3	6.8
March	4,515	4,751	4,768	7,781	8,287	1,501	1,535	463	541	32.0	29.7	7.3	6.5
April	4,651	4,855	r4,800			1,530	1,541	519	545	26.2	28.3	5.8	5.7
May	4,788	4,741	4,840			1,525	1,543	552	549	29.3	28.6	6.5	6.2
June	4,583	4,861	4,886	8,134	8,363	1,474	1,543	520	554	32.6	30.3	8.1	7.2
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July	4,912	5,029	4,934			1,544	r	557	557	32.6	30.0	7.7	6.5
August	4,676	4,970	4,978			1,514	1,549	463	559	29.1	29.1	6.2	6.2
September	4,833	5,009	5,012	8,246	8,563	1,515	1,557	520	r561	34.0	32.3	6.7	6.8
October	5,123	5,025	5,037			1,611	1,567	545	r564	31.8	31.9	7.1	7.4
November	5,088	5,048	5,053			1,561	1,577	576	567	29.0	30.7	6.4	7.1
December	7,008	5,092	5,069	9,698	8,552	1,874	1,584	1,133	r571	37.0	35.6	7.6	8.4
January	r4,800	r5,076	5,082			1,549	1,589	485	r575	24.9	30.2	4.8	6.1
February	4,656	5,095	5,098			1,529	1,592	421	578	28.8	30.3	6.7	7.0
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r35.0	r30.4	p7.8	p6.6

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### WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

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	All males	All females	All	adult persons			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1986-87 - December					221.9										
January					222.0										
February	445.30	291.10	429.90		222.0	1.19									
March					228.9										
April					228.9										
May	451.70	299.00	436.50		228.9	1.23									
June					229.0										
1987-88 - July					229.0										
August	458.10	302.30	444.50		229.2	1.22									
September					229.4										
October					229.7										
November	471.10	306.60	450.50		230.1	1.46									
December					n.y.a.										
January					n.y.a.										
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	1.34									

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

### BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Price indexes(a)				Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1986-87 - January	1,124.5	1,446.8	7.8	9.9	238.0					105.8	180.7								
February	1,154.0	1,351.7	9.2	10.0	194.7					106.4	182.1								
March	1,512.6	1,418.6	10.3	9.8	237.7	4,085.4	4,425.8	27.0	29.1	107.1	183.6								
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.2	9.5	240.7					107.9	184.8								
May	1,429.5	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					108.0	185.2								
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	4,433.4	4,365.3	27.8	27.8	108.4	186.9								
1987-88 - July	1,603.6	1,537.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					108.9	187.7								
August	1,847.0	1,710.0	10.5	10.4	181.2					109.8	188.9								
September	1,615.2	1,613.6	11.6	11.0	232.4	4,844.3	4,596.8	31.0	29.4	110.2	189.8								
October	1,818.7	1,786.7	12.1	11.5	228.0					p110.8	p191.7	1,951	1,951	3,457	3,500				
November	1,778.4	1,652.6	12.6	12.3	167.9					p110.8	p194.3								
December	1,698.3	1,686.6	11.8	11.9	234.0	5,026.3	4,980.8	r33.4	32.6	p112.0	p192.2	2,346	2,049	4,069	3,860				
January	1,642.0	1,971.7	10.2	13.7	170.3					p112.9	p193.2								
February	1,919.4	2,139.6	12.8	13.4	256.3					p113.8	p198.5								
March	1,825.1	1,650.8	14.5	13.0	209.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

## FINANCE

Month	Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments												Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	Savings banks—depositors' balances (a)				Major trading banks (b)				to individuals (c)					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m	Advances \$m	Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m							
1986-87—														
December	45,681	45,222	44,511	44,204	43,937	43,803	900	153	66	14.05			5,481	
January	45,669	45,737	45,098	45,051	44,308	44,569	679	133	57	14.70			5,847	
February	45,914	45,738	45,240	44,827	44,027	44,675	871	167	69	15.05			5,943	
March	47,675	47,942	46,595	45,905	44,794	44,953	907	162	76	14.10			7,064	
April	48,993	49,724	46,701	45,866	45,973	45,152	931	167	75	13.85			10,748	
May	50,607	50,984	46,411	46,469	46,093	45,723	844	169	73	13.25			7,400	
June	52,481	52,260	46,207	46,352	45,773	45,880	859	192	69	13.00			7,687	
1987-88—														
July	53,640	53,398	46,598	46,881	45,998	45,765	1,004	191	76	12.85			5,929	
August	54,244	53,865	45,902	46,674	45,618	45,832	908	217	67	12.60			6,877	
September	55,012	54,818	45,865	46,271	46,336	46,760	1,220	258	76	11.80			5,199	
October	55,332	55,289	46,926	47,148	47,316	46,990	1,155	326	80	13.00			5,644	
November	55,967	56,150	47,567	48,223	47,397	47,507	1,162	294	76	12.35			6,735	
December	57,495	56,921	47,873	47,424	48,457	48,315	1,345	257	72	11.45			7,485	
January	56,907	57,099	47,120	47,006	47,572	47,831	850	175	61	11.35			6,619	
February	57,483	57,357	46,638	46,156	47,167	47,831	1,331	289	79	11.55			6,969	
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	47,617	46,719	47,564	47,723	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	10.85			n.y.a.	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
(\$ million)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure							
	Gross domestic product				Gross farm product				Gross non-farm product				Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
AT CURRENT PRICES																				
<i>1986-87—</i>																				
September	61,911	62,066	1,867	2,371	60,044	59,695	37,247	37,400	11,508	11,921	10,399	10,288	4,298	4,738						
December	69,109	64,233	4,264	2,551	64,845	61,682	40,431	38,092	12,443	12,006	11,415	10,844	4,855	4,782						
March	62,654	63,815	2,204	2,619	60,450	61,196	37,256	38,822	11,471	12,280	9,956	10,997	4,053	4,670						
June	66,693	68,764	1,724	2,734	64,969	66,030	38,970	39,017	13,442	12,611	11,652	11,309	5,828	4,869						
<i>1987-88—</i>																				
September	70,620	69,965	2,551	2,849	68,069	67,116	40,807	41,054	12,302	12,743	11,817	11,677	4,235	4,661						
December	77,605	72,471	4,977	2,955	72,628	69,516	44,188	41,606	13,664	13,186	12,945	12,294	4,645	4,569						
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																				
<i>1986-87—</i>																				
September	36,250	36,614	1,625	2,149	34,625	34,465	21,671	21,779	6,433	6,705	5,696	5,647	2,308	2,548						
December	40,777	37,092	3,832	2,231	36,945	34,861	23,021	21,659	6,965	6,699	4,080	5,781	2,568	2,527						
March	35,436	37,448	1,893	2,245	33,543	35,203	20,722	21,640	6,305	6,781	5,197	5,728	2,126	2,450						
June	36,868	38,302	1,459	2,213	35,409	36,089	21,432	21,762	7,388	6,884	6,004	5,816	3,012	2,516						
<i>1987-88—</i>																				
September	38,296	38,237	1,718	2,083	36,578	36,154	22,052	22,197	6,533	6,810	5,977	5,921	2,152	2,368						
December	42,318	38,807	3,713	2,156	38,605	36,651	23,611	22,191	7,211	6,933	6,464	6,145	2,316	2,277						
AT CURRENT PRICES <i>continued</i>																				
													Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
	Imports of goods and services				Exports of goods and services				Wages, salaries and supplements				Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements			
Quarter	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Household income (original)	Total less direct household taxes, etc. disposable income (a)		
<i>1986-87—</i>																				
September	12,341	11,708	9,667	9,760	32,156	32,569	8,450	8,143	14,297	14,123	32,162	49,782	8,981	40,801						
December	12,089	11,984	10,994	10,808	34,593	37,886	9,953	9,142	17,066	14,526	34,586	56,462	8,963	47,499						
March	11,339	11,977	10,441	10,447	31,706	33,368	8,503	9,223	14,337	15,368	31,692	49,616	10,711	38,905						
June	11,776	11,878	11,115	10,898	34,675	34,400	9,381	9,823	14,244	16,354	34,670	55,647	15,732	39,915						
<i>1987-88—</i>																				
September	12,688	12,046	10,908	11,074	35,127	35,129	10,053	9,696	17,249	16,621	35,127	55,692	9,572	46,120						
December	13,149	13,016	12,460	12,205	37,666	36,225	11,623	10,683	19,482	16,652	37,646	61,824	10,813							

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed ('000 persons)				Unemployed ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate (per cent)	Participation rate (per cent)	Number of job vacancies ('000)			
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total							
	Original	Seas. adj.(b)	Original	Seas. adj.(b)	Original	Seas. adj.(b)	Original	Seas. adj.(b)						
1987—														
January	5,648.8	5,655.8	6,878.3	7,019.5	575.0	529.1	671.4	637.4	8.9	8.3	61.1	62.0		
February	5,681.0	5,669.3	6,998.2	7,038.2	581.1	520.4	699.6	632.8	9.1	8.2	62.2	62.0		
March	5,706.2	5,681.9	7,109.1	7,056.0	562.4	534.3	702.5	647.6	9.0	8.4	63.0	62.2		
April	5,687.5	5,704.2	7,087.7	7,078.1	530.8	530.3	652.1	640.5	8.4	8.3	62.3	62.2		
May	5,680.2	5,696.3	7,084.0	7,077.1	530.6	532.3	635.0	636.1	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0		
June	5,690.8	5,719.1	7,112.8	7,144.1	506.2	519.8	603.6	621.3	7.8	8.0	61.9	62.1		
July	5,717.9	5,737.7	7,156.8	7,145.1	510.9	517.7	616.3	636.6	7.9	8.2	62.2	62.3		
August	5,663.3	5,716.0	7,073.2	7,135.3	495.4	509.2	601.9	626.4	7.8	8.1	61.4	62.1		
September	5,734.4	5,720.8	7,168.5	7,129.3	489.6	501.8	598.2	603.6	7.7	7.8	62.0	61.8		
October	5,751.0	5,755.7	7,156.1	7,145.2	475.6	514.6	585.2	632.2	7.6	8.1	61.7	62.0		
November	5,705.6	5,708.7	7,159.9	7,125.3	469.6	508.7	566.5	617.9	7.3	8.0	61.5	61.6		
December	5,872.2	5,794.4	7,307.9	7,218.8	506.7	501.6	619.6	611.8	7.8	7.8	63.0	62.2		
1988—														
January	5,825.0	5,832.3	7,145.3	7,296.0	541.9	499.6	645.2	614.1	8.3	7.8	61.8	62.8		
February	5,845.6	5,833.6	7,219.1	7,261.7	519.8	466.6	642.8	583.7	8.2	7.4	62.3	62.2		
March	5,884.5	5,859.2	7,366.1	7,310.8	493.0	467.5	642.3	588.3	8.0	7.4	63.3	61.8		

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey, part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (b) Revised following annual reanalysis. (c) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)  
('000 persons)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S. A.	W. A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Australia			Total Govt. and Private	
										Government				
										Common-wealth	State(b)	Local		
1986—														
October	1,946.5	1,566.9	804.9	483.0	515.4	149.0	56.8	121.3	3,889.4	438.7	1,159.8	156.3	1,754.9	5,643.0
November	1,962.3	1,573.3	805.2	485.1	520.0	151.1	55.5	120.8	3,924.0	438.8	1,154.5	156.1	1,749.4	5,673.3
December	1,959.4	1,579.1	803.0	484.1	521.5	151.5	55.0	120.3	3,947.0	440.1	1,131.4	155.3	1,726.9	5,673.8
1987—														
January	1,917.5	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,870.2	440.2	1,085.2	152.0	1,677.4	5,547.4
February	1,933.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.8	55.1	120.8	3,939.4	441.0	1,118.6	154.8	1,714.4	5,653.8
March	1,960.7	1,576.7	809.9	472.2	525.3	152.4	54.7	121.0	3,936.6	442.4	1,141.6	155.1	1,739.1	5,696.6
April	1,979.8	1,594.5	817.4	479.2	523.8	157.7	55.4	122.1	3,970.1	441.7	1,146.5	153.6	1,749.9	5,739.6
May	1,909.6	1,604.0	822.4	480.0	525.1	155.9	56.0	123.4	4,000.8	442.1	1,155.3	155.3	1,752.7	5,756.4
June	1,991.7	1,596.7	822.2	480.2	525.3	154.2	56.8	122.7	3,989.7	442.5	1,161.2	156.6	1,760.3	5,749.9
July	2,002.3	1,626.9	821.2	487.5	524.5	153.4	55.4	121.6	4,002.4	502.4	1,133.1	154.9	1,790.4	5,792.8
August	2,002.6	1,619.4	818.0	485.9	524.0	152.2	55.0	122.2	4,034.1	436.5	1,152.1	156.7	1,745.3	5,779.4
September	2,009.0	1,623.3	819.3	485.8	523.0	151.3	54.7	122.3	4,039.8	433.4	1,158.5	157.0	1,748.9	5,788.7
October	2,035.0	1,629.1	835.2	482.4	521.4	150.4	52.3	123.2	4,089.7	432.1	1,150.6	156.5	1,739.2	5,829.0
November	2,059.7	1,619.7	843.2	487.4	528.1	151.5	52.5	125.3	4,145.9	432.2	1,152.2	157.2	1,741.5	5,887.4
December	2,065.8	1,649.2	838.8	487.4	529.1	153.1	51.4	125.0	4,166.7	432.6	1,141.1	157.2	1,733.0	5,899.7

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employees selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia (6248.0) and Information Paper, New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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